

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The non-final Office Action of October 17, 2006, has been carefully reviewed and these remarks are responsive thereto. Reconsideration and allowance of the instant application are respectfully requested. Claims 27-28 have been amended. Claim 38 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 39-42 are new. Claims 27-28, 30-37, and 39-42 remain pending.

Claims 27-28 and 30-38 stand provisionally rejected on the ground of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-12 of co-pending U.S. Pub. App. No. 2001/0018332. In response and without acquiescing to the rejection, Applicants submit concurrently herewith a Terminal Disclaimer rendering moot the obviousness-type double patenting rejection. A fee in the amount of \$130.00 is submitted herewith for the Terminal Disclaimer fee.

Claims 27-28 and 30-38 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Till (U.S. Patent No. 6,435,690, hereinafter referred to as *Till*). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

In order establish a prima facie case of anticipation under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e), each and every feature of the claim must be taught by the reference. Applicants' amended independent claims 27 and 28 each recite, among other features, "a light source mounted in the inner surface." *Till* describes a perimeter light illumination method and system for portable communication devices. (Title). *Till* describes an attachment to a portable device, such as a cellular telephone, or a housing of the same that includes a light distribution channel which is configured to capture light emitted by a device and direct it around perimeter portions of the device (Abstract). However, *Till* fails to ever teach or suggest anything regarding a light source being mounted in the inner surface of an outer decorative cover. *Till* utilizes a light source from an underlying device to channel the light. (See, e.g., Figure 1, 2, 3B, and 10). As *Till* fails to teach or suggest "a light source mounted in the inner surface," withdrawal of the present rejection of claims 27 and 28 is respectfully requested.

Claims 30-37, which ultimately depend from claim 28 of claim 29, are allowable over the art of record for all the reasons given above concerning their respective base claim, and further in

view of the novel features recited therein. New claims 39-42, which depend from claim 28 and 29, are allowable over the art of record for all the reasons given above concerning their respective base claim, and further in view of the novel features recited therein. For example, new claims 41 and 42 each recite, among other features, "wherein the pattern is configured to permit playing of a visual game on the outer decorative cover of the wireless communication device." *Till* fails to teach or suggest anything with respect to a visual game on an outer decorative surface.

CONCLUSION

All rejections having been addressed, Applicants respectfully submit that the instant application is in condition for allowance, and respectfully solicit prompt notification of the same. Should the Examiner find that a telephonic or personal interview would expedite passage to issue of the present application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below. Applicant looks forward to passage to issue of the present application at the earliest convenience of the Office.

Respectfully submitted,
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